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Title : Dressing Method in Vertical Duplex-Head Surface
Grinding Machine

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed January 23, 2008. The three-month response due date is April 23, 2008.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.